

Putting pressure on a crippling disease

NEWS EXTRA

By David Finlay

Plight of the thirsty animals

AN 'thr North-east's human population shivers in the Arctic weather as Aberdeen animal welfare inspectors have a timely tale of woe from the animal kingdom.

Humans were recently made aware of the need to conserve water when snow piled up and blocked an aqueduct at a Deslisle treatment works.

But Inspector George Rose claims people are not always aware of the importance of water to animals.

He works for the Aberdeen Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which has taken out a large local newspaper advert to remind people of animals' plight at this time of year.

It urges people to always make water available in the home or farm, and illustrates cattle attempting to smash ice on a farm trough.

"A frozen trough is an empty trough," it explains.

Not providing sufficient water for animals is a prevalent fault with pet owners, claims Mr Rose.

"If you were to go out round places where animals are kept, you would have no difficulty in finding lots and lots of troughs where there are breaks leading at the ice and can't get a drink because the water is frozen."

Animals kept outside should also be sheltered from the elements with a windbreak, he points out.

EVERY day Mrs Christine Anderson travels to an out-of-the-way industrial estate on the outskirts of Aberdeen to "dive" for the treasure of better health.

She is one of the band of multiple sclerosis sufferers in the North-east looking to Dyes to try a controversial treatment that has claimed a high success rate in relieving the disabling effects of the disease.

Christine, from Kilon, is almost midway through the initial 20 one-hour daily sessions in the pressurised hyperbaric chamber, similar to a diving chamber run by Action Research for Multiple Sclerosis.

"I used to be a great reader but I get double vision now. But my eyesight seems to be coming back a wee bit. I could put it down to the hyperbaric sessions," she said.

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Some other regulars who return for weekly or fortnightly "top ups" report even greater improvements.

For some, like John Keisman of Aberdeen, the grating pain in his legs that came with the disease has gone.

Bob Shaw of Grampian ARMS, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, said: "A lot of people have shown big improvements. About 80% of the people with bladder trouble are better for example."

He makes it plain that the hyperbaric, in which people go down to "depths" of between 16 and 33 feet and are given pure oxygen, is not a cure.

But the self-help treatment has drawn serious criticism from neurologists and the Multiple Sclerosis Society — which ARMS split from about a decade ago.

"The history of the disease is absolutely littered with claims like this," said the general secretary of the Multiple Sclerosis Society John Waddell.

"One of the last claimed 'treatments' was snake venom and 30 years ago people were taking arsenic," he said.

He expressed fears that many people might be disappointed and could even suffer from the treatment if hyperbaric chambers don't live up to expectations.

But the idea has prompted enough interest among the medical profession for the Multiple Sclerosis Society to undertake a research programme.

Bob Shaw of ARMS said: "I don't know if it is all in the mind or not but that doesn't matter if people are feeling better."



In the chamber at Dyes are John Keisman and Guyneth Dryburgh under the watchful eye of Bob Shaw.



The ARMS centre at Dyes (left to right) — Guyneth Dryburgh, Christine Anderson, Bob Shaw and John Keisman.

Bride of the Week

DESPITE the wintry conditions 26 pairs came from as far afield as Fraserburgh, Banff, New Paltz and Liverpool to play in the Henkle Trophy for married couples on Sunday.

The year's results:
1 Mr and Mrs R. Wain 398; 2 Mr and Mrs C. J. Gould 385; 3 Mr and Mrs R. Fraser 364.

The Dutch Salen Individual competition played in the Bridge Club on Saturday was won by Mr David Campbell with 178 points.

Scotland best Wales in the first of the international matches at Perth on the weekend, playing 30 boards a match.

Scotland led 24-14, 11-1.
The Scottish team consisted of K. Baxter, J. Peterson, T. M. Culbertson, R. Burnett, W. Coyte and D. Shenkin.

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Women get gym slip holidays

THE days of St Trinians are set to make a comeback in the unlikely surroundings of an Irish fishing community.

For 250-a-week mature women yearning for their jolly hockey sticks schooldays can have that atmosphere specially recreated in a converted County Down hotel.

In premises renamed "St Brigid", just outside the village of Ballyhenry, the "girls" will dress in gym slips and bonnets and use the chalk and slates of Britain's educational past.

There will be lessons in maths, English grammar and art as well as the opportunity to take part in more active schoolgirl pursuits.

"School" administrator Miss Deborah McBride said today: "Our aim is to reproduce a typical girls' school environment for women who want to take a holiday from being an adult."

The women who enrol are expected to be aged about 36. At Ballyhenry they will be able to play tag and hide-and-seek and go skipping.

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Court shown alleged porno pic

AN alleged rapist produced what he claimed was a photograph showing his former lover with former Prime Minister Edward Heath in a bedroom.

He asked for the paper thin, snap-sized picture to be handed to his former lover, Mrs X.

She was being cross examined by him during his Old Bailey trial.

The 34-year-old man, who has alleged Mr Heath was photographed in pornographic pictures with Mrs X, has denied raping and assaulting her.

She told the jury she had never seen the picture before, but agreed she appeared to be in it. Asked who the other person apparently shown in it was, she replied: "I do not know."

The defendant told the court: "There is the proof — you with Edward Heath."

The judge interrupted and told the woman: "What he is saying is: 'That is a picture of you and Edward Heath.' This must be made an exhibit."

The jury was then shown the alleged copy after the defendant said: "I would like them to see it so there is no mistake or any allegation from anyone at a later date."

Mrs X said she had never met Mr Heath.